

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
6:00 PM
Clarendon County Council

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: The Manning Times, Johnny Weeks

Others in attendance included:

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| Lynden Anthony | Robert Pegram | Charlotte Johnston | James L. Conyers |
| Tammy Rodvansky | Nate Dyson | Michael A. Johnson | Patricia Pringle |
| Linda Lemon | And other Clarendon County Residents | | |

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for September 9, 2019.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, August 12, 2019.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, HR Director, presented five employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

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| • Donald Jones | 10 Years | Benjamin Parker | 20 Years |
| • Darrell McCants | 15 Years | Leon Richburg | 25 Years |
| • Keisha Simmons | 15 Years | | |

4. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Council English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Amanda J. Williamson to the Harvin County Library Board to serve a four-year term.

5. Ordinance 2019-05

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2019-05 – An Ordinance To Create and Establish a Special Tax District in Clarendon County, South Carolina, to be Known as Clarendon County

Emergency Services Special Tax District; to Define the District's Area and Boundaries; to Authorize the Annual Levy and Collection of Taxes and the Imposition and Collections of Fees and the District's Operation and Maintenance and Repayment of any Bonds; To Authorize the Issuance and Delivery of General Obligation Bonds by Clarendon County, South Carolina, or Revenue Bonds Payable from the Imposition of Collection of Fees Related to the District, the Proceeds of Which will be used to Purchase Equipment and Facilities for the District; and Other Related Matters.

6. Ordinance 2019-06

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2019-06- An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Bonefish Solar, LLC to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing the Inclusion of a Project Site in a Multi-County Business Park; Authorizing Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters.

7. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,503,410 and Revenue figures were not available as of August 31, 2019.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$900 for the month ending August 31, 2019 and total Expenses were \$20,820. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of August 2019 after transfers with a Zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Revenue of \$145,764 for the month ending August 31, 2019 and total Expenses were \$133,392. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and Interest Income, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$60,895.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of August 2019 had a Cash Balance of \$2,107,276 of which \$1,485,844 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$621,432 as of the end of August 2019.

8. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- **USDA Phase II** – Work is continuing as planned. Customers are continuing to be brought on line as sections are completed and testing is approved by DHEC. The project is estimated to be fully completed in November.
- **Phase III Water Project** – Project is proceeding as planned.
- **County Council Fire Department-(Wyboo Station)** – Work is continuing as planned. The old pier on site has been demolished. Construction is planned to be completed by November.
- **Road Paving**
 - ✓ 2019-2020 projects are in the process of being designed. We anticipate these starting soon continuing throughout the year.
- **Capital Projects**
 - ✓ **Walker Gamble Park** – demolition of the baseball field and dugouts as well as the tennis court has been completed. Our next phase will involve resurfacing of the basketball court, new fencing and construction related to the bathroom and canteen area.
 - ✓ **JC Britton Park** – final design on anticipated improvements is being completed. We plan to add security lighting, cameras, fencing, gates and 3 new baseball fields along with enhancements to the basketball court, tennis court, and walking track. Our goal is to create a safe environment so that the citizens will utilize the facility to its fullest.
- **Hurricane Dorian**
 - ✓ Estimated totals are as follows:
 - Rain 3-6 inches, some areas received more depending on location.

- Wind-sustained at 25-35 mph, with our highest gust around 49 mph.
- Minimal damage to residential and commercial property. Minor trees down. Small amount of power outages.
- Thanks to Anthony Mack and his staff for coordinating the County's emergency management response to the storm and to all employees, departments and agencies that assisted.
- We had three shelters open for Hurricane Dorian, Summerton, Manning, and Turbeville.
- **Misc**
 - ✓ Some property was donated to build another park in Summerton. We are working with the owner and her attorney on that project.
 - ✓ County e-waste recycling collection and shred day is October 19, 2019, 9am – 1 pm at the County Administration Building.

9. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by echoing what Administrator Epperson said about the staff of Clarendon County. He said that in the upper state, there was a water rescue and he is very thankful that Clarendon County did not need that service.

10. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Project, Project Gamechanger.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Project, Project Gamechanger. The Executive Session began at 6:30 pm.

11. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session back into open session. The Executive Session ended at 7:23 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session they received information from George Kosinski, Development Board Director, on a new project, Project Gamechanger and action would be taken.

- Administrator Epperson stated that he needs authorization to send an offer letter of Intent to Project Gamechanger.
- Chairman Stewart asked when would the name of Project Gamechanger be known to the citizens.
- Administrator Epperson stated that if the offer letter is accepted, and the company agrees to the revealing of the official company name, then the public would be notified of the Official Company Name.

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval giving Administrator Epperson authorization to send an offer letter to Project Gamechanger.

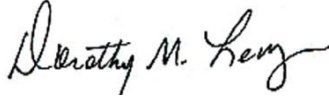
12. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dorothy M. Levy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dorothy" being more prominent.

Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

